

PATENT

Attorney's Docket No. 203-589 CIP (1273 CIP)

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,
CONTINUATION OR CIP)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- ☒ original
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- ☐ divisional
☐ continuation
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
(b) ☐ was filed on _____ as ☐ Serial No. 0 / _____
or ☐ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

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(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement, 37 CFR 1.97.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d) ☐ no such applications have been filed.

(e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
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**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

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- ☒ Signature for third and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added 2
- ☐ Signature by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor. Number of pages added _____
- ☐ Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 CFR 1.47. Number of pages added _____
- ...
- ☐ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.
☐ Number of pages added _____
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- ...

If no further pages form a part of this Declaration then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item

- ☐ This declaration ends with this page

ADDED PAGE TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SIGNATURE BY SUBSEQUENT INVENTORS

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **David A. Nicholas et al**

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For: **ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS**

ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. 1.34)

Sir:

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For: ☒ U.S. and/or ☒ Foreign Rights
 For: ☒ U.S. Application or ☐ U.S. Patent
 By: ☒ Inventor(s) or ☐ Present Owner

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNOR: DAVID A. NICHOLAS, ERNIE ARANYI,
 BORIS ZVENYATSKY, PAUL A. MATULA,
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 person(s) or entity(ies) HENRY BOLANOS
 who own the invention)

(If assignment is by person or entity to whom invention was previously assigned and this was recorded in PTO add the following)

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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:

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(Type or print name of ASSIGNEE)

150 Glover Avenue

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Nationality

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

(complete one of the following)

☒ the entire right, title and interest

☐ an undivided _____ percent (_____%) interest

for the United States and its territorial possessions

(check the following box if foreign rights are also to be assigned)

☒ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority,

in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS

(check and complete (a), (b), (c) or (d))

and which is found in

- (a) ☒ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
(b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on _____
(c) ☐ U.S. application serial no. 0 / _____ filed on _____
(d) ☐ U.S. patent no. _____ issued _____
☐ A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent separately.

(also check (e) if foreign application(s) is also being assigned)

- (e) ☒ and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority

and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any re-issue or re-examination thereof

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment;

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this _____
(Date of signing).

WARNING: Date of signing must be the same as the date of execution of the application if item (a) was checked above.

<u>David M. Nicholas</u>	<u>7-17-92</u>
	DATED
<u>Eric C. Wong</u>	<u>7-17-92</u>
	Dated
<u>Boris Wenyatsky</u>	<u>7.17.92.</u>
	Dated
<u>Paul A. Matula</u>	<u>7/17/92</u>
	Dated
<u>Henry Bolanos</u>	<u>7/21/92</u>
	Dated
<u>David J. Lee</u>	<u>7/21/92</u>
	Dated
<u>Stanley H. Berger</u>	<u>7/29/92</u>
	Dated

If ASSIGNOR is a legal entity complete the following information

Type or print the name of the above person
authorized to sign on behalf of ASSIGNOR

Title

NOTE: No witnessing, notarization or legalization is necessary. If the assignment is notarized or legalized then it will only be prima facie evidence of execution 35 USC 261. Use next page if notarization is desired.

☒ Notarization or Legalization Page Added.

STATE OF Connecticut
SS Norwalk
COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 17th day of July, 1992,
before me personally appeared David A. Nicholas
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Joan Simmons
Notary Public.

STATE OF Connecticut
SS Norwalk
COUNTY OF Fairfield

JOAN SIMMONS
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMM. EXPIRES MARCH 31, 1993

On this 17th day of July, 1992,
before me personally appeared Ernie Aranyi
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Joan Simmons
Notary Public

STATE OF Connecticut
SS Norwalk
COUNTY OF Fairfield

JOAN SIMMONS
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMM. EXPIRES MARCH 31, 1993

On this 17th day of July, 1992,
before me personally appeared Boris Zvenyatsky
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Joan Simmons
Notary Public

STATE OF Connecticut
SS Norwalk
COUNTY OF Fairfield

JOAN SIMMONS
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMM. EXPIRES MARCH 31, 1993

On this 17th day of July, 1992,
before me personally appeared Paul A. Matula
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Joan Simmons
Notary Public

JOAN SIMMONS
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SS Norwalk
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On this 21 day of July, 1992,
before me personally appeared DAVID T. GREEN
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Gretchen S. Radley
Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

STATE OF Connecticut
SS Norwalk
COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 21 day of July, 1992,
before me personally appeared HENRY BOLANOS
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Gretchen S. Radley
Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

STATE OF Massachusetts
~~Connecticut~~
SS ~~Norwalk~~
COUNTY OF ~~Fairfield~~ Andover
Essex

On this 29th day of July, 1992,
before me personally appeared STANLEY H. REMISZEWSKI
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Natricia G. Fitzgerald
Notary Public
My Commission Expires
December 21, 1995

STATE OF Connecticut
SS Norwalk
COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this day of July, 1992,
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who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Notary Public

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